

## [Mr. Bud Carpenter]

[Interview Pioneer history?]

### NOTES

Mr. Bud Carpenter:-

( OLD STAGE STATIONS )

I have been in and around Camp Charlotte for weeks at the time as I followed the carpenter trade.

A while after the camp was abandoned eleven emigrants came through the country and chose that place for their camp. A flood came and washed the wagons, teams, supplies and nine of the group away. Two of the men were found clinging to a big gate and were saved. The old man Carrol Suggs gave the two a wagon, team and supplies enough to take them on into Mexico.

In 1885 I put a new roof on the Old Stage Station at Kickapoo Springs. I feel sure the remains are in good shape and stand to-day.

\*\*\*\*\* 1885? [Interview?]

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Came to San Angelo 54 years ago April 11th. [?] [?] a windstorm out of the west tore up the courthouse and the damage amounted to \$12,000, helped to repair it.

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Some Chinese use to run the Bismark farm.

When the soldiers were here you could hear the guard blow the bugle and make a call saying that everything was all right, every hour through the night.

The first district court they had here was in a dobe house and they brought in 7 prisoners to try, kid like I never had herd a trial so I went to hear the trial the attorney's name was [Cashier?] [ ? ] Carter he and the lawyers got into a fight and all the prisoners got away, except one and he could not swim he was scared of the water. [?]

We were watching the negro soldiers water the horses, they would swim the horses out in the river to water them, and one of the soldiers could not [swim?] and he fell off of his horse, and we noticed he was drowning and we told the other soldiers and one of them went in and drug him out on the bank and turned his head down hill and the water began running out of his mouth he rode on off and left him, we sat there awhile and watched him.

In 1887 drouth was so severe there was not even a sprig of grass or weed. The following fall the cattle got so poor that when they would go down to the river to get water they would push one another in and they were so weak that they would drown. They sold for \$3.00 a head and the horses and sheep they would give them to people.

In 1877 I was living close to Brady and my uncle was a [law?] down there and we had a report that the Indian had been there and killed a man on Bear Creek. So we went out there to get this man to bury him. They took his horses and saddle and they left their saddle in place and it was made of grass and buffalo hide I got it and later sold it to a man for \$17.50, when you got that much money at one time, you thought you were doing extra good. The horse finally got away from the Indians and came back with the saddle. The horse belonged to Mr. Doty.

Miss Lowe use to live close to Christova 1 and one night a crowd was going to a dance in a wagon and when they arrived at the dance Tom Ketchum asked her to dance with

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him and she refused him, so he knew they were going back that night, he stretched a wire across the road on a hillside and it caught them and pulled them all out of the wagon. [??]